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Tuesday Morning, October 11, 1870.

DEMOCRATIC & CONSERVATIVE State Ticket.

FOR GOVERNOR,
JOHN J. JACOB, of Hampshire County.

FOR SUPREME JUDGE,
C. P. T. MOORE, of Mason County.

FOR AUDITOR,
E. A. BENNETT, of Marion County.

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL,
JOSEPH SPRIGG, of Hardy County.

FOR TREASURER,
JNO. S. BURDETT, of Kanawha County.

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE,
JOHN M. PHELPS, of Mason County.

FOR CONGRESS—2d DISTRICT,
MAJ. O. D. DOWNEY, of Mineral County.

M. & P. RAILROAD COMPANY.

President Faulkner's Report.

At a meeting of the President and Directors of the Martinsburg and Potomac Railroad Company, convened at Martinsburg on Thursday, the 29th of September, 1870, Hon. Chas. J. Faulkner, President of the Company, presented to the Board the result of his recent mission to Philadelphia, in substance as follows:

He said, that the President and Directors of the Cumberland Valley Railroad assembled in Philadelphia, at the office of the Pennsylvania Canal, on Tuesday the 27th of last month, to take into consideration the expediency of extending its connections into the Valley of Virginia, and to determine what aid, if any, it would give to the Martinsburg and Potomac Railroad. John Edgar Thomson, President, and Thomas A. Scott, Vice-President, of the Pennsylvania Canal were present, acting on behalf of their road. No doubt was expressed by any one as to the expediency of extending the railroad connections of Pennsylvania from the Potomac river by Martinsburg to Winchester, and all concurred in the selection of that route. No hesitation was expressed as to their obligation to construct, exclusively from their own resources, a permanent bridge across the Potomac river at Powell's Bend, and of their readiness to proceed at once to the construction of that bridge. Entire satisfaction was expressed at the local aid (\$10,000 per mile) contributed by the county of Berkeley, and there was a full and distinct admission of the obligation upon their part to construct the bridge necessary to the construction of the road. Up to this point, there was an entire concurrence of views between the Pennsylvania companies and himself. But Vice-President Scott here enquired in what form he, Mr. Faulkner, expected that aid to be rendered? Mr. Faulkner replied by a subscription on the part of the Pennsylvania Company to the stock of the Martinsburg Company for the full amount necessary to construct the road beyond what had been subscribed by the county of Berkeley. This gave rise to considerable discussion, in which Messrs. Thomson, Scott, Hildreth and others of the Board participated on the one side, and Mr. Faulkner on the other. They expressed their perfect readiness to advance the money on the corporate bonds of the Company, but were reluctant to make a subscription, as it would be establishing a precedent which would embarrass them in their future operations in Pennsylvania. Mr. Faulkner contended that he always understood the aid to be rendered was to be by a subscription; that this understanding on his part was expressed in all his communications official or unofficial with the Company; that no corporation of the kind had ever been made in any reply addressed to him; that he had so announced to the voters of Berkeley county in his remarks accompanying the Ordinance, a copy of which had been forwarded to the officers of both companies, and that he could not feel himself at liberty to accept or carry out any other arrangement, certainly, not with out the instructions of the voters, or some clear and unequivocal expression of the people of Berkeley county. After some further discussion, a resolution was proposed by Vice-President Scott and submitted to the Board, pledging the Company to construct the bridge across the Potomac, and to co-operate with the counties in advancing the necessary funds on the Corporate bonds of the Martinsburg and Potomac Railroad Company, to complete the road to Winchester, which was unanimously adopted.

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understanding was on a very important and material question. As subscribers of stock the Pennsylvania companies would have risked their capital which might, or might not have turned out to be a profitable investment.— This would have depended on the success or failure of the road: If the road did not succeed they would have suffered by the depreciation of their stock. They would have shared the loss with the other stock holders. Should it prove a success they would have shared the benefit of it in common with other share holders. As lenders of money to the road and mortgage creditors, they feel themselves to be secure whether the stockholders divided dividends or not. Holding the position in the latter case of preferred creditors, they could not feel themselves guaranteed from loss whatever might be the fortune of the stockholders. The road, even if forced to sale to satisfy their lien, would certainly, with the county investment of \$240,000 realize enough to pay off their loan. If necessary they would themselves become the purchasers, and thus secure for their advances the whole property of the road. We can very well comprehend why Mr. Faulkner refused to acquiesce in such an arrangement without the consent of the people of his county unequivocally expressed. It would be putting to hazard the whole subscription of Berkeley county. The Pennsylvania companies, however, it seems, adhered to the position they assumed in the controversy and firmly refused to submit to subscribe to stock. Thus it appears that no aid will be tendered except as a loan, and in this shape it is announced it will not be accepted unless with the consent of the people of Berkeley, which they are not under the circumstances, likely to give. This, we believe, is a fair statement of the case.

FREE SCHOOLS—BOLIVAR TOWNSHIP.

Levy Voted Down!

Pursuant to a previous adjournment, there was a township meeting held in the Bolivar school house Saturday night, the 8th inst., for the purpose of levying a special school tax for the current year, to run the Free Schools of the Township, when Emanuel Spangler, Esq., was called to the chair, and John H. Strider appointed Secretary. The meeting being organized, Mr. J. R. Johnson, a former teacher of one of the schools, rose and addressed the meeting upon a privileged question, in which he held the board of education up as delinquents in the exercise of their duty. Capt. Grubb, one of the board, followed in some conceding explanatory remarks. Much crimination and recrimination was indulged in, after which a motion was made by Capt. Grubb to levy a special tax of 20 per cent. on the \$100 of taxable property, which motion was amended (by Mr. Geo. Crowl) to the effect that no levy be made—the latter being carried by an overwhelming majority of even the loyal voters of the township—which question, we regret to say, was raised by Capt. G. and his disappointed few, and much factiousness was manifested by them.

This rebuke, and withholding of any further fund from the support of the schools, seems to have been provoked by a flagrant abuse of power and assumption of authority by the present Board of Education.

Subsequent to adjournment of the foregoing properly called meeting, Capt. Grubb and his small party remained upon the ground, and instantly placed themselves in form, for we presume, the execution of one of those unlawful acts which has characterized certain men and party in this county and State ever since the war, viz: to tax the people against their consent—a very anti-Republican—but black Republican doctrine.

In this, however, they were foiled, the masses soon rallied, and after a brief but very pertinent address and expose from E. W. Wilson, Esq., who is quite a clear and cogent speaker, showing the recusants that any appeal to the courts for a mandamus would be met by satisfactory evidence, of the action of a legally called meeting, and that the present board had transcended their duty and outraged the tax-payers by giving to "Storer College" three hundred and fifty dollars of the school fund, to one of their officers twenty-five dollars per annum more than the law allows, and thirdly, the running of one school in the township, taught by Capt. Grubb, for nine months, while the other six schools were only kept open five or six months. As a former friend and supporter of Free schools we regret, this maladministration of power, and general bad school law, which places it in the hands of the irresponsible few to oppressively tax the many—such a law can only be productive of great harm and violent dissensions, and unless modified must lead to trouble.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

From the official proceedings of the late Convention of the Shepherdstown clique of the Radical party, published in the Shepherdstown Register, we clip the following:—

J. V. Underdonk, William G. Butler and Jos. Barry, were brought before the Convention for the office of Recorder. The first ballot resulted as follows: Butler 8, Underdonk 36, Barry 40; second ballot, Butler 13, Underdonk 26, Barry 42; third ballot, Butler 0, Underdonk 44, Barry 41. Mr. Underdonk having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared the nominee.

By this it will be seen that on the second ballot eighty-one votes were cast, forty-two of which were for Barry; yet he was not declared elected, and a third ballot had, by which Underdonk was declared the nominee. This is very curious, and we cannot think that Barry's Irish blood will permit him to tamely submit to such an outrage. Who counted the ballots?

NOMINATIONS.

At the People's Reform Convention, at Martinsburg, on Saturday week, the following ticket was nominated:—For State Senator, Henry B. Miller; Legislature, B. M. Kitchen, Moses Nadenbosch; For sheriff, A. J. Thomas; Clerk of the Circuit Court, Frank D. Staley; Prosecuting Attorney, L. A. Luce; Recorder, S. Gerard; Surveyor, J. B. Kearfoot, Jr.

RELIEF FOR THE SUFFERERS.

We have been furnished, by the Secretary of the Harper's Ferry Relief Committee, with a list of contributions up to Thursday last, which we append below. From this report it will be seen that \$1,079.55, in money, besides a quantity of clothing and provisions, have been received. This, so far is creditable in the highest degree, but our efforts should not stop here. Not only at Harper's Ferry but all along the line of the Shenandoah, are whole families who escaped from the raging flood with naught but the clothing they had on their backs. And now, cold dreary winter approaches, and they have not a cent laid by for its demands. "If that giveth to the poor lengtheth to the Lord."

The following contributions in cash, clothing and commodities have been received by the Relief Committee of Harper's Ferry, for the relief of the sufferers by the late flood:

From Cumberland, \$457.25
Charlestown, through J. W. McCurdy, 86.25
Martinsburg, collected by Chas. Davies, 280.00
Subscriptions received in Dr. Beller's store, 175.00
Subscriptions collected by E. H. Chambers in H. Ferry, 78.70
Cash, Rhode Island, 5.00
Winchester, through Mayor, 100.00
W. B. Scott, Baltimore, 5.00
Orem, Jew & Co., Baltimore, 50.00
R. W. Seavers, Baltimore, 45.00
Canby, Gilpin & Co., Balt., 25.00
W. H. Rengold, 5.00
Hagerstown, through Mayor, 116.00
Wm. Herr, Georgetown, D. C., 200.00
J. S. Welch & Sons, Georgetown, D. C., 100.00
For Mr. Werowag—Balt. 35 cts., Mr. S. C. Green \$1, 1.35

Total \$1,079.55
From Charlestown—6 bbls. flour, 2 large lots mens and womens clothing, lot of groceries and provisions, 25 bushels potatoes, 1 barrel wine, 1 lot shoes.
From Shepherdstown—2½ bbls. flour, 6 bags, ditto, corn meal and meat.
From John Fealy—1½ bbls. flour; and potatoes.
From Martinsburg—2 large boxes of clothing, lot of bedding, 1 bbl. meat, groceries, &c.
From Baltimore, by Mr. Riddle—1 large lot of clothing.
From Hinkle & Ingle—3 sacks of flour.
From Cumberland—2 large boxes of clothing, lot of provisions, &c.
From Georgetown, by Wm. Herr—lot of mens and womens clothing.
From Bolivar, by Wm. Strayer—lot of mens clothing.
From Wm. Aglinton—lot of clothing.
From John W. McCurdy—2 bbls. of flour.
From Mr. Rhinehart—lot of potatoes, flour and vegetables.

CHAS. DAVIES,
Sec'y Harper's Ferry Relief Com.
Harper's Ferry, Oct. 6, 1870.

BOARD OF REGISTRATION.

Changes in the Board of Registration of this county have become so common of late, that it is difficult, if not altogether impossible, to keep pace with the caprices of a corrupt and partisan Governor. The Board of Registration for this county, up to the latter part of last week, consisted of Messrs. Rhoderick, Traynor and Lindsey—as hard a crowd, we thought, as could be well gotten together.—But from some cause they did not suit, and Gov. Stevenson arriving in Shepherdstown on Saturday, they were displaced and anew Board appointed, consisting, as we learn, of Messrs. Bushy, Tacy and Lindsey. But again, loyalty is not satisfied, and the axe must fall.—Accordingly we learn that at a late hour on Saturday night—a fit time for such work—this second Board was decapitated, and a third appointed. Of this new Board we have not been able to get certain information, but understand that it consists of Messrs. W. G. Butler, Jos. Fleming and Jas. H. Shepherd. We suppose when the Governor reached Harper's Ferry last night, another change was demanded, and the guillotine again put in operation. Such is West Virginia loyalty.

STATE ELECTIONS.

To-day elections will be held in Pennsylvania for Congressmen; in Ohio, Indiana and Iowa, for Congressmen and State officers, except Governor; in Nebraska for Governor, State officers and Congressmen; and in West Virginia on the 27th inst., for Governor, State officers and Congress. All the other States which have not already voted will hold their elections in November.

The President has issued a proclamation declaring that the waters of the United States shall not be used in preparing for war by belligerent parties, and that ships of war of either belligerent shall not leave either port within twenty-four hours after the departure of the merchantmen of its enemy, nor remain in our ports more than twenty-four hours, unless needed repairs or supplies, and, having once entered a United States port, shall not re-enter one of our ports until after having visited a European port of their own government.

The Southern Commercial Convention concluded its meeting at Cincinnati yesterday. The name of the body was changed, and is to be in future "The National Commercial Convention." Its next meeting will take place on the third Monday of September, 1871, at Baltimore. President Garrett adjourned the meeting by returning thanks for the courtesy shown him, and said that rarely had so much good been done in so short a time. He closed by welcoming the next Convention to the city of Baltimore.

RICHMOND, October 7.—Governor Walker in his message to the Legislature, urges that body to take prompt measures to relieve the suffering produced in the various parts of the State by the recent unprecedented flood in the James and Shenandoah rivers. He calls upon the members from those portions of the State visited by the terrible calamity to at once form themselves into a relief committee to collect funds and to distribute the same to the most needy and suffering. The matter was referred to a joint committee of both houses for consideration and action.

Texas has a new game. One holds a revolver; the other holds the cards. Shortly after the game begins a coroner holds the inquest.

THE GREAT FLOOD.

Further Particulars.

LYNNBURG.

From the Lynchburg correspondence of the New York Herald, we gather the following: At half-past 10 the torrent surged and swept around the piers of the immense wagon bridge across the river, and, thundering against the walls, swept it away with a terrific crash, carrying the broken fragments, like an avalanche, down the river. It disappeared in the darkness, but was hurled against the new iron bridge of the Southside railroad, carrying it off also. The engine and train sent to the island for the rescue of the women and children had just crept through the bridge.—When the excitement was at its acme, the packet-bell rung for relief, and the court-house and jail-bells quickly responded. The crowd momentarily increased, the excitement was intense, and the picture of terror and peril defies the power of words. All around was the blackness of night, and beneath was a hell of waters, the havoc of whose fury no one dared estimate.

The damage to the railroads is severe. The Southside road, in addition to damage sustained on the island, including two connecting bridges, is very heavy. Two bridges are down, and the loss is \$60,000. A number of houses were completely washed away.

The large bridge on the Orange and Alexandria railroad, a quarter of a mile long, which crosses the river, is entirely gone; also those over the Rockfish and Tye rivers. The loss to this road is heavy, but has been greatly exaggerated.

Amazing exciting incidents occurred during the raging of the flood: Two men saved themselves by climbing up a tree, where they remained until the next morning, and were rescued—the foot of one being badly mangled by floating houses which struck the tree. A man was seen floating down the river on a log. He called for help, and was answered that it was impossible. "All right," said he, "I'll bring up on some hammock." He was saved.

A mule jumped from a canal boat into the river and swam into the mill race, where the owner recognized him in the morning. A hog which swam into the office of John & Miller made himself at home till morning.

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Further Particulars.

LYNNBURG.

From the Lynchburg correspondence of the New York Herald, we gather the following: At half-past 10 the torrent surged and swept around the piers of the immense wagon bridge across the river, and, thundering against the walls, swept it away with a terrific crash, carrying the broken fragments, like an avalanche, down the river. It disappeared in the darkness, but was hurled against the new iron bridge of the Southside railroad, carrying it off also. The engine and train sent to the island for the rescue of the women and children had just crept through the bridge.—When the excitement was at its acme, the packet-bell rung for relief, and the court-house and jail-bells quickly responded. The crowd momentarily increased, the excitement was intense, and the picture of terror and peril defies the power of words. All around was the blackness of night, and beneath was a hell of waters, the havoc of whose fury no one dared estimate.

The damage to the railroads is severe. The Southside road, in addition to damage sustained on the island, including two connecting bridges, is very heavy. Two bridges are down, and the loss is \$60,000. A number of houses were completely washed away.

The large bridge on the Orange and Alexandria railroad, a quarter of a mile long, which crosses the river, is entirely gone; also those over the Rockfish and Tye rivers. The loss to this road is heavy, but has been greatly exaggerated.

Amazing exciting incidents occurred during the raging of the flood: Two men saved themselves by climbing up a tree, where they remained until the next morning, and were rescued—the foot of one being badly mangled by floating houses which struck the tree. A man was seen floating down the river on a log. He called for help, and was answered that it was impossible. "All right," said he, "I'll bring up on some hammock." He was saved.

A mule jumped from a canal boat into the river and swam into the mill race, where the owner recognized him in the morning. A hog which swam into the office of John & Miller made himself at home till morning.